

REMARKS

The applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the amendment and the following remarks. The applicants have corrected obvious clerical errors with respect to the formulas in claim 17.

No additional fee is due. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, including any fees required for an additional extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, such an extension is requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any debit or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

A prompt and favorable action is solicited. The applicants believe that these claims are in condition for allowance, however, if the Examiner disagrees, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (302) 888-6270.

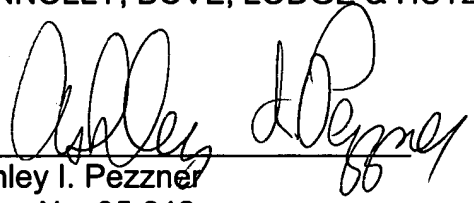
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